

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Paragraphs have been editorially amended to correct minor misnumbering errors. Applicant submits no new matter has been added and notice of such is respectfully requested. Currently, claim 1 - 12 are pending of which claim 1 and 8 are independent.

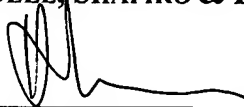
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, and formal notice of such is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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